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means could be devised at the next conference for making permanent this important function of the Association.

Two floors were accordingly rented at No. 34 Newbury Street, near the Boston Public Library, and opened September 1, 1906. The Publishing Board occupies the second floor, and on the first floor are the offices of the Association and a room for exhibits. The small force employed has been kept busy with records and correspondence, which are constantly increasing.

In order to provide constant supervision and assistance, the Executive Board has committed the immediate supervision of headquarters to a local committee consisting of Mr. D. P. Corey, Chairman, and Messrs. Gardner M. Jones and Charles C. Soule, all of Boston.

Every member of the Association, indeed everyone interested in library progress, is notified that he has the right and is cordially invited to call upon headquarters for information or assistance in any library problem. If those in charge are not able to help, they may be depended upon to find the right person both able and willing to give advice on the particular problems involved.

Architectural Committee

As a result of a paper read at the last conference and the discussion which followed, a Committee on Architecture was appointed and instructed to make at the new headquarters a collection of library plans, to arrange them in convenient form for examination and study and to get from librarians opinions as to the merits and defects of plans which they have tested.

The members of this committee were too widely scattered for meetings between conferences, but by correspondence they have authorized an immediate start to collect plans. By personal interview and correspondence there have already been obtained (mainly so far from architects) twenty sets of floor plans. As many more have been definitely promised.

¶ All librarians who occupy new buildings, or old buildings with good points, or even poor buildings which are "awful examples," are invited and urged to get out and send at once to the A. L. A. Architectural Committee, No. 34 Newbury Street, Boston, plans of their libraries, as follows:—

Full size floor plans.

Elevations and cross sections.

Exterior views.

Interior views of the principal rooms.

To these should be added criticisms by the librarian of different features in each library as they have worked out in actual use.

A collection of this kind, properly arranged and indexed, and open to the inspection of architects, librarians and trustees, will tend so directly to improvements in library arrangement and will be so helpful to all who have libraries to plan in the future that the Architectural Committee looks confidently for prompt and general response to its appeal for plans. Librarians who have building problems on hand are urged to communicate with the committee, who will render all possible assistance.

Travel Committee

The committee had hoped to be able to make some definite announcement at this time regarding the coming conference. As no conclusion has yet been reached by the railroads regarding the application for reduced rates, the committee is obliged to confine itself to the following tentative suggestions, hoping to give definite information in the next issue of the Bulletin.

If it be decided to go to Asheville, the committee will plan a personally conducted trip from the east, with special car service from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Another party will be formed to accommodate those in Chicago and the middle west.

After the sessions, which will occupy a week, there will be an opportunity to visit some of the mountain resorts near Asheville, including the beautiful Toxaway country,